



## Workhorse Roundup

### Commander's Chat

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Although I took command of this battalion on July 31, 2004, this is my first newsletter to address the soldiers and the family members who held things together in the rear during the extended deployment. It is an honor to be commanding such a distinguished group of soldiers and to be supported by such strong families. True Iron Soldiers!

I would like to applaud the families for the amazing strength and resolve displayed during the deployment. Even though the battalion received many accolades for its performance downrange, it is the behind the scenes work by those left behind that often goes unnoticed. It is your strength and perseverance that makes it possible for the soldiers to concentrate on their mission. Your mission hasn't stopped. It is as important now as ever to develop friendships with other bat-

talion spouses and with neighbors to build the firm foundation that can make your overseas experience a positive one. There is something about sharing with someone going through the same challenges and experiences that make an overseas assignment very unique.

Since the battalion's redeployment in mid-summer last year, we have all worked to meet the requirements of Reconstitution as well as Aviation Reset. Now it is time to focus on the future. We have finally been given the approval to return to training. As I visit the soldiers who are aggressively supporting the 1-1 CAV Gunnery at Grafenwoehr, and watch the soldiers prepare for the CMTC rotation, I can witness the satisfaction you are experiencing doing your actual mission. Al-

though the weather has been pretty grim and grey for the last few months, the soldiers meet the mission without complaint even when working in bone chilling temperatures.

Despite the weather, I encourage all of you to travel and see all that Europe has to offer. The history and culture found here is unparalleled. Between the sites, the food, and the local flair, this is an experience not to be spent sitting in a barracks room or in a stairwell. Get out and encounter all that Germany has to offer, and you'll be amazed to see how you broaden as a person and grow to appreciate a lifestyle that is a bit different from what we find in the U.S. Food for thought!

LTC Gary Toney  
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### CSM's Musings

Greetings Workhorse Soldiers and Families. Bianca, the children, and I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a safe, prosperous year filled with Joy and Happiness.

As we began retraining, it is only prudent that I tell you that we have an obligation to be THE BEST TRAINED. During the next few months, we will hone our skills by maximizing the use of our wartime skills during SGTs Time Training and during CMTC rotations. While many have left the battalion, those remaining, combined with the experience and ideas from those joining the battalion, will ensure our success. These successes have been witnessed by the DISCOM CSM Patrick Douglas who awarded SGT Dixon and SGT Rashard from HSC, the DISCOM Coin of Excellence for realistic training during SGTs Time training. These two instructors used

real Soldiers, fake blood, fake burns, and scenario based training to get the point across to every soldier that attended the training. SPCs and PFCs took the lead in treating casualties and responding to different situations involving injured Soldiers. Similarly, as in a combat zone, not just someone, but everyone, must know what to do and when to do it. It's teaching initiative now, in order to win in combat later.

Since this is the first battalion newsletter since redeployment, I want to thank the many agencies that supported our families, and continue to do so now. Agencies throughout the Hanau community such as the Red Cross, the USO, the Commissary and AAFES, and many others joined in taking care of our families as well as returning soldiers.

I also want to thank all of the families who endured the deployment.

Casting many in the role of single parent, and expecting you to nurture other families within the battalion, was certainly a tall request. I offer my most sincere appreciation for your sacrifices, and efforts for the families of this battalion. Please continue to reach out to families in the battalion; building friendships that will last forever.

Congratulations to those receiving promotions. These promotions are indications that the Army has invested in each of them, for the good and the future of our Army. Their excellence is evident, in their professionalism and in their ability to train and mentor successful subordinates.

No, I cannot tell you we will not be deployed again, however, I can tell you that, "We will be Trained and Motivated to Win".

Until Next time...

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#### Special points of interest:

- \* Infant and Toddler Play Group meets each Wednesday at Kid's Korner on Wolfgang from 10-11. No charge for use!
- \* Kids Crafts for 3-5 year olds on Fridays from 1300-1430 at the Wolfgang Arts & Crafts Center. Call 06181-88-9144 to reserve a spot. Activities include simple crafts and children have something to take home after each class.



## #SC Highrollers

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope the holidays provided some respite for those in need, and that all of you were able to spend time with friends and family. The new year is well underway and the pace has picked up considerably.

The company has numerous Soldiers currently in Grafenwoehr supporting I-1 CAV gunnery with fuel and parts and many more Soldiers preparing for three rotations of CMTC beginning the second week in February in

Hohenfels. Much can be said about the hard work and effort put into these major training exercises and the Soldiers that flawlessly execute their missions.

We have marked a spot on our busy calendar for some fun time with the family.

**I would like to invite all HSC Soldiers and family members to a fun filled afternoon of free bowling on 25 February 05**

**from noon to 5 p.m. at the Wolfgang bowling center. Please come on out and have a great time!**

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*The DISCOM Valentine*

*Sweetheart Ball is being held in Wiesbaden on 11 Feb. from 1800-2200 hours.*

*The Dorint Hotel is located on Auguste-Viktoria Strasse #15*

*Dress Mess, Dress Blue or Class A with White Shirt and Bow Tie*

*Civilian Formal*

## A Co Avengers

The Avenger's operational tempo never let up. OIF is now just part of history, taking lesson learned and now looking towards the future. The Company is back to the garrison training cycle along with RESET Program, which is in full swing and already receiving recognition. No deployment orders yet, but the AVIM is supporting CMTC from FEB-MAY, look at family readiness issues ensure you are prepared. Your involvement makes how good of a TEAM we are; support your Soldier and Company FRG when possible.

Brand spanking new baby Aven-

ger!!! Tyler Johnson, born 15 October 2004.

Congratulations to our newly weds: PVT Kennedy and Regina Kennedy, 17 December 2004, and SPC Broom and Andrea Broom, 20 December 2004.

Welcome Avengers!!

PV2 Mc Cullough; PV2 Iverson; PV2 Miskin; SPC Garza; PV2 Fay; PFC Ramsey; PVT Pablo; PV2 Wolberg; PV2 Gregory; PV2 Byers; SGT Gamache; PFC Reynolds; SPC Macks and Family; SSG Tiglaio, SGT Machado; and CW3 Martinez.

Avengers on the move:

SSG Gall; SGT Simmons; SPC Black; SPC Geistweidt; SPC Pillai; SGT Herrick; and SFC Thomas and his wife Debra and kids. Good luck in your future endeavors, Avengers Always!

MAJ Steven Rodriguez  
Avenger 6



*"Things turn out best for those that make the best of the way things turn out."*

*- Art Linkletter*



## B Co Bulldogs

It seems like yesterday when I first took command and now my time is almost to an end. I thank everyone for their hard work and sacrifices in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It was very exciting to command a fine group of Soldiers while deployed.

There were some extremely hot moments and hard times. Some of the most frustrating moments were the frequent power surges throughout the night, which forced us to sleep under the stars. The long lines at Burger King and inside of the PX were not so enjoyable either. And on top of that, ice was in short supply. But

the conditions were significantly enhanced once funds were allocated to purchase "creature comfort items". Although the living conditions were not too suitable at first, we quickly adjusted and made the best out of what we had. Being a part of Iraq's history as they received their first taste of freedom was very rewarding.

We are now training for the next OIF rotation. Although the company will not deploy as a whole, some may be attached to deploy with other units. The Cavalry Systems Support Team (CSST) has deployed to Graf in

support of the 1-1 Cavalry's Gunnery rotation. We are also preparing our Soldiers from the Direct Support and Motor Pool platoons for a CMCT exercise that will take place within a few weeks.

I would like to say goodbye to 1SG and Kim Smith as they head out for FT. Campbell. Thank you for your hard work, support and for keeping the company in line. Congratulations to 1SG Hendrix for taking the reigns as B Co. First Sergeant. Hang on tight and enjoy the ride!

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## Chaplain's Corner

One day I had lunch with some friends. I was wearing a new tie. Before the meal was over, I had some kind of sauce on my tie. The same day I put on jeans and a new T-shirt and went to Wendy's and got a Frosty. When I got back home, there was Frosty on my shirt. I don't know how it got there.

Planes are terrible-I'm always spilling Coke on me and sometimes my neighbor. Once I finished a meal on a plane, and was I proud. I didn't spill a drop. But when the flight attendant picked up my tray, she dumped it on me. I guess she thought, "Hmm, he doesn't have any food on him," then made sure I did.

It seems can't come into contact

with food without becoming contaminated by it. I thought by now I would have mastered this, but now I'm approaching the age when drooling comes naturally and I have not figured it out.

We all can relate to having a spiritual problem akin to this. We all have a hard time coming into contact with our worldly life without contaminating our spiritual life. It is hard until we realize we can always wash away the stains and purify ourselves. We do this spiritually by returning to the Lord who will cleanse us each and every time we come, no questions asked. The Lord will speed up this process for us when we correct what is wrong in our lives (or wash our clothes).

This is sometimes frustrating and oft times hard work, but when we get organized and set things right in our lives, (do laundry) we get a fresh start. I encourage you to commit today to correcting one wrong in your life either with a person, an event, or even a personal regret. The Lord will bless you ten fold for your efforts.

Have a blessed and purified 2005.

*CH Raheem*

127th ASB Battalion Chaplain  
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Basement of Bldg 1363,  
Fliegerhorst, Kaserne  
06183-51-7696  
322-7696

## Family Readiness Group Notes

Recently, we received wonderful news that the vast majority of our soldiers will not redeploy to Iraq for the 2006-2007 rotation. However, some of our troops will be called to serve, and we will keep those families informed, included and supported for the duration!

Since the end of block leave, things might have slowed down for the Family Readiness Group, yet work has continued behind the scenes with activities and assisting with battalion events. We participated in bring the soldiers and families a fantastic

Welcome Home Organization Day, and helped with the Halloween and the Christmas parties. The FRG also stuffed the single soldiers' boots with holiday treats from St. Nicholas on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and we had our first Battalion Coffee Social in early December. Bianca Moton hosted another top-notch affair, and we had such a wonderful time. Our turnout was a little smaller than we had hoped for, and I want to personally invite all of you to attend as these events are open to all of our spouses! Please join us and start building wonderful

friendships and memories.

Mary Rodriguez will host our next quarterly social in March, so keep your calendars open! Remember that the FRG is here for you, and your participation can make all the difference in its success. I have really enjoyed meeting our 127<sup>th</sup> spouses and I really think you all are wonderful and have lots to offer through the sharing of your experiences, friendship and humor. I have felt honored to become part of this special group!

*Kelly Toney*

Participate in your  
FRG and make some  
wonderful friends and  
memories!

Get out and enjoy the  
German experience  
today!

## Workhorse Community Information

SSG Michael Halbach is the Battalion Family Readiness Group Liaison. For FRG information and questions, please contact him at 06183-51-6012.

The **USO** has relocated to building 19 on Pioneer Kaserne. Lounge is open from 9-5 M-F. Stop by the **Open House** on Feb. 4 and enjoy food and drinks.

There will be a **blood drive** in Pioneer Gym: 8 Feb, 1200-1900 and 9 Feb, 1000-1600. Please

stop by Pioneer Gym and donate.

The **Tax Center** (DSN 322-9577) will open 9 Feb 05 - 15 Jun 05 at the Hanau Legal Center in basement of building 2 on Pioneer Kaserne.

- Hours of Operation: M/T/W 0800-1630, Thurs. 1200-2000, Fri. 1000-1630

- We can electronically file your federal and state taxes at no cost-some exceptions may apply.

- Clients are seen on a walk-in basis - if you have rental property, please call for an appointment.

- Soldiers should come ready with W-2s, 1099s, proof of SSNs (Military ID card, Social Security Card, or a copy of Orders) for self/spouse/dependents & direct-deposit information in hand!  
- If married filing jointly, both spouses must be present to sign the return or present a valid Power of Attorney

**Mardi Gras Party at Kids Korner**- February 4th from 8-12. For kids grades 6-12. Admission \$3 includes refreshments and favors. Come in costume!

## 127TH AVIATION SUPPORT BATTALION

127th ASB  
CMR 477 Unit 20193  
APO, AE 09165

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DSN: 322-7440

Iron Horse Support

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DISCOM/127ASB/index.htm](http://www.1ad.army.mil/DISCOM/127ASB/index.htm)



**Workhorse leads  
the way**

## *Workhorse Community Information*

**The American Star Restaurant**  
in the I-Club Grand Opening 28  
Jan 05.

Lunch: Tuesday through Friday  
11am to 2pm

Dinner: Tuesday through Satur-  
day 5pm to 9:30pm

Sunday Buffet (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
each month) 10am to 2:30pm  
Closed on Mondays and Sundays  
except the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the  
month for the buffet.

**Splat! Xtreme Indoor Paint-  
ball** Opens 4 Feb 05, in Bldg  
637 on Grossauheim Kaserne.

Check out the new **127th ASB  
website!** [http://  
www.1ad.army.mil/  
DISCOM/127ASB/index.htm](http://www.1ad.army.mil/DISCOM/127ASB/index.htm).  
Photos from events, news,  
and calendar information is

posted!

**PTSO Bingo** at the Middle  
School at 6:30 on Feb. 2.

**Bring on the Baby** Apr 6, 13, 27  
Labor and delivery education for  
expectant parents. Relaxation tips  
and newborn care and breastfeed-  
ing information (3-day course) 9  
a.m.-2 p.m. at the Wolfgang's  
Outreach Center (WOC) bldg. #  
514 on Wolfgang Kaserne. all  
ACS at 322-8965

**Exceptional Family Member  
Program** with Army Community  
Service, Bldg. 9, Pioneer Kaserne  
06181-88-Br9275 or DSN 322-  
9275  
M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Army Family Team Building**  
Army Community Service, Bldg.

9, Pioneer Kaserne  
06181-88-5308 or DSN 322-  
5308  
M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Hanau CYS Registration**  
(CLEOS), Bldg. 20, Room 10,  
Pioneer Kaserne  
06181-88-9144 or DSN 322-  
9144  
M-F 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
Sa-Su Closed

**Hanau Middle School & Teen  
Ctr.**  
Bldg. 200, New Argonner  
Kaserne  
06181-88-8231/8636 or DSN  
322-8231/8636  
M-Th 3-8 p.m., Fri 3-9p.m., Sat  
1-5 p.m.